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((V. KHOBOTOV REPORT: "GIFT TO MUSEUM"))

((TEXT)) PICTURES BY THE AFGHAN ARTIST ASLAM WERE

CEREMONIALLY PRESENTED TO THE CENTRAL MUSEUM OF THE USSR ARMED

FORCES ON BEHALF OF COMRADE BABRAK KARMAL, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE

PDPA CENTRAL COMMITTEE. THE ARTIST'S WORK IS DEVOTED TO THE 40TH

ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOVIET PEOPLE'S VICTORY IN THE GREAT PATRIOTIC

WAR.

THE CEREMONY TO PRESENT THE PICTURES TO THE MUSEUM WAS ATTENDED BY HABIB MANGAL, DRA AMBASSADOR TO THE USSR, AND COLONEL A.K. AKRAM, ARMY AND AIR FORCE ATTACHE TO THE DRA EMBASSY IN THE USSR. HABIB MANGAL, DRA AMBASSADOR TO THE USSR, NOTED THAT THE REPRESENTATION OF THE KREMLIN -- BASTION OF PEACE AND PROGRESS -- ON THE PICTURE IS HIGHLY SYMBOLIC. AT THE CENTER OF THE CANVAS IS THE SOVIET SERVICEMAN, CARRYING A BANNER, WHO LIBERATED HIS COUNTRY AND EUROPE'S PEOPLES FROM FASCISM. TODAY HE CONTINUES HIS NOBLE INTERNATIONAL MISSION IN AFGHANISTAN. THE SERVICEMEN OF THE SOVIET ARMED FORCES AND THE DRA ARE BROTHER SOLDIERS, THE AMBASSADOR STRESSED.

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